

CHAPTER 514.

An act to provide the manner of elections and the registration of voters in cities and towns, and for elections upon local questions in counties and townships.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Election law for cities and towns.

Proviso.
Shall apply to Asheville.

Polling places.

New registration may be ordered.

Notice shall be given of new registration.

Election of registrars.

Failure of registrar to serve.

SECTION 1. That all elections held in any city or town in this state where the charter of such city or town or any special act does not provide the manner of holding such city or town election and for the registration of voters shall be held under the rules as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, this act shall apply to the city of Asheville, and that the special election law of the city of Asheville as contained in chapter one hundred and sixty three, private laws eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, including sections four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen of said chapter be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That there shall be at least one polling place in each ward in the town or city if the said town or city is divided into wards, and if not divided into wards then there shall be as many polling places as may be established by the governing body of said town or city.

SEC. 3. That where there has been a registration of voters in any city or town the town commissioners, board of aldermen, board of councilmen, or by whatever name said governing body may be designated in the charter of said city or town, may in their discretion order a new registration of voters; and unless said new registration shall be ordered the election shall be held under the existing registration with such revision as is herein provided.

SEC. 4. That in case any city or town shall order a new registration the said governing body shall give thirty days' notice thereof by advertisement in some public journal if there be] one published in the town or city, or in lieu thereof in three public places in said city or town.

SEC. 5. The governing body of any city or town, whether designated as town commissioners, city councilmen or board of aldermen, shall select at least thirty days before any city or town election one person for each election ward or election precinct, who shall act as registrar of voters for such ward or election precinct; said governing body shall make publication of the names of the persons so selected at the town or city hall immediately after such appointment and shall cause a notice to be served upon said persons by the sheriff of the county or the township constable; if any registrar shall die or neglect to perform his duties said governing body may appoint another in the place.